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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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Title: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR CLOSING AN OPEN END  
OF A PRODUCT, AND PRODUCT FORMED THEREBY

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**CONTINUING PATENT APPLICATION**  
**TRANSMITTAL LETTER**

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Sir:

Transmitted herewith for filing under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(b) is a:

☐ Continuation ☒ Division ☐ Continuation-In-Part (CIP)

of the above-identified copending prior application in which no patenting, abandonment, or termination of proceedings has occurred. Priority to the above-identified prior application is hereby claimed under 35 U.S.C. § 120 for this continuing application. The entire disclosure of the above-identified prior application is considered as being part of the disclosure of the accompanying continuing application and is hereby incorporated by reference therein.

☒ Applicant claims small entity status under 37 CFR 1.27.

Enclosed are:

- ☒ Application Data Sheet (37 CFR 1.76) (2 pages).
- ☒ Preliminary Amendment (5 pages).
- ☒ Specification, Claims, and Abstract (20 pages).
- ☒ Formal drawings (6 sheets, Figures 1, 1A, 2-10, 10A-10C, 11, and 12A-12C).
- ☒ Declaration and Power of Attorney (3 pages).

- ☒ Assertion of Small Entity Status Statement (1 page).
- ☒ Information Disclosure Statement (2 pages).
- ☒ Form PTO/SB/08 (1 page).

The filing fee is calculated below:

|  | Claims<br>as Filed | Included in<br>Basic Fee | Extra<br>Claims | Rate              | Fee<br>Totals |
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| Basic Fee  |                    |                          |                 | \$770.00          | \$770.00      |
| Total Claims:  | 15                 | - 20                     | = 0             | x \$18.00         | = \$0.00      |
| Independents:  | 1                  | - 3                      | = 0             | x \$86.00         | = \$0.00      |
| If any Multiple Dependent Claim(s) present:  |                    |                          |                 | + \$290.00        | = \$0.00      |
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- ☒ A check in the amount of \$385.00 to cover the filing fee is enclosed.
- ☐ The required filing fees are not enclosed but will be submitted in response to the Notice to File Missing Parts of Application.
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Respectfully submitted,

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